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1. Between 28 March and 8 April 1947, [REDACTED] had several interviews with Marquet, President of the Consell Nacional de la Democracia Catalana (National Council of Catalan Democracy). Marquet is trying to achieve unification of program among the various Catalan parties and organizations. In late March, he told source that he had conversed with leaders of the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo of Catalonia with a view to effecting the entry of the CNT into the Consell.* Marquet said that conversations were progressing well and that the CNT leaders had declared themselves to be federalists in the political field. Marquet believed that the attitude of the Catalan Genetistas would influence strongly their Spanish colleagues in this aspect, because of the great strength of the CNT in Catalonia.
2. On 8 April, Marquet said that while the inclusion of the CNT in the Consell still seemed likely, the attitude of the Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya toward the integrating of the CNT with the Consell had changed. Previously, the Esquerra had apparently favored unification of the various groups, Marquet said, but recently the party's attitude had been one of obstruction.

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3. [REDACTED] that the leaders of the Esquerra like to think of the party as the spokesman for the CNT in the political field. There is in the CNT a large politically neutral mass which up to the present time has looked to the Esquerra, to some degree, for political orientation. Source suggests that the Esquerra is opposing the inclusion of the CNT in the Consell because if the Confederacion were given representation in its own right in the coalition body, the political influence wielded by the Esquerra in the CNT would be weakened. It is source's opinion that the Esquerra prefers for the CNT to stay outside the political field in Catalonia and

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[REDACTED] From the information contained in SO-5422, which was received from another source in Barcelona, it would seem that Marquet's conversations with CNT representatives must have concerned the integration of the CNT as a component of the Alianza Nacional de Fuerzas Democraticas of Catalonia with the Consell, to form a new coalition body, rather than the entry of the CNT into the Consell itself. SO-5422 concerned the proposed unification of the ANFD of Catalonia and the Consell into an organization to be known as the Alianza de la Democracia Catalana.

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4. Marquet told 25X1X6 that there is dissension among the leaders of the Esquerra; the older political leaders and tendencies are at variance with the tactics and exigencies of the moment.
5. Marquet said that a certain amount of opposition to his efforts to achieve unity was being encountered from the Partit Obrer d'Unificacio Marxiste. However, he believed that he would be able to remove the source of the POUM's objections. The POUM, a Marxist party opposed to the Communists, before the Civil War had a fairly large following in Catalonia, especially in the Province of Lerida. During the Civil War, the POUM was subjected to severe repressive measures, at the instigation of the Communist Party. At present, the POUM is of very little importance in Catalonia.
6. Marquet considers that an approach to the monarchists must be made in view of the uncertainty of Spain's political future and the consequent desirability of exerting influence on the monarchists to view more broadmindedly the autonomy question.

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